

# Fort Riley

Post wide yard sale

Fort Riley's Post-Wide Yard Sale is tomorrow from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. During the annual event, anyone

living in on-post housing can hold a yard sale without registering. Fort Riley has more than 3,000 family quarters spread out between 14 housing communities, and approximately 30 percent take part in the sale each year.

The Post-Wide Yard Sale is held annually in May because of the summer PCS season. It gives soldiers and their families a chance to sell items they don't want to take with them to their next assignment.

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# Soldiers help sick daily

By Steven Cooke

19th PAD

While many soldiers are dragging themselves out of bed for PT, other soldiers are wide-awake takng care of the sick and injured.

When the Consolidated Troop Medical Clinic opens in the mornng the first order of business is ick call.

"With sick call I just want to reat the soldiers as fast as possiole so they can get back to their ınits," said Sgt. 1st Class Antwan Vicholson, Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, Medical Department Activity.

Sick call lasts from 6 a.m. to 8 .m., explained Nicholson. On verage, Nicholson and his staff of 12 soldiers see 100 patients luring one days sick call.

Some common ailments solliers suffer from are colds, nauea, vomiting and surprisingly ngrown toenails. The treatment or ingrown toenails is full or parial toenail removal, said Sgt. Aaron Hansen, combat medic, 1st 3attalion 41st Infantry. "Toe nail emoval is very common among oldiers," Hansen said. "It's very

Other routine procedures per-

formed at the CTMC are physi-

"We have about 20 soldiers, every morning," explained Nicholson. The CTMC usually only treats soldiers, but they also treat family members for physicals when the family is moving to a new permanent duty station.

The CTMC also has its very own pharmacy on site. "The pharmacy is here for the soldiers convenience," said Nicholson. "So they don't have to go all they way to Irwin Army Community Hospital for medication." Nicholson said the pharmacy carries common medication like antibiotics and inflammatories.

The CTMC is capable of providing most kinds of treatment, though cardiac problems are sent to the Irwin Army Community Hospital. Also, specializations like the ear, nose and throat problems are treated elsewhere, explained Nicholson.

When asked what a typical day is like, most of the soldiers working at CTMC say same thing: "Busy." "I like to stay busy, but some days it just seems like sick call goes on and on," said Pvt. 1st Class Jennifer McElveen, clinical specialist, Company C, 101st Forward Support Battalion.



Sgt. Aaron Hansen, combat medic, 1st Battalion 41st nfantry, prepares a patient's foot for a partial toenail emoval procedure, by injecting the foot with laticane.

When asked what the best part of their job was, the answers from the solders at CTMC were very different. "Sticking the patients," said Spec. Marlene Raymond, medic, Co. C, 101st FSB. "This way I know for sure they are up to date on their immunizations

before they deploy. "I'm performing my job everyday, so it gives me job skills for the outside world," said Spec. Lavincent Harris, medical labora-

tory specialist, MEDDAC.
"Working with the physician assistants, learning something new everyday," said McElveen, as to what was the best part of her

"I enjoy helping people," said Spec. Arturo Anzaldua, health care specialist, MEDDAC. "[The best part of my job] is when you see people in pain and you know you can help them."

"Satisfaction that I'm doing something for the good of the soldier," said Capt. Francis Koopman, physician assistant, Company C, 125th Forward Support Battalion.

The challenges though, do not vary as much.
"Staying constant," said Ray-

mond. "Staying on top of all the changes in the immunizations. The typhoid vaccination went from being given every five years to every two years," Raymond

'The hardest thing is how often things change in the medical field and keeping up with current medical treatment," said McElveen.

""Not knowing all the answers," said Capt. Koopman. "If I don't know the answers, I can't give the patients what they

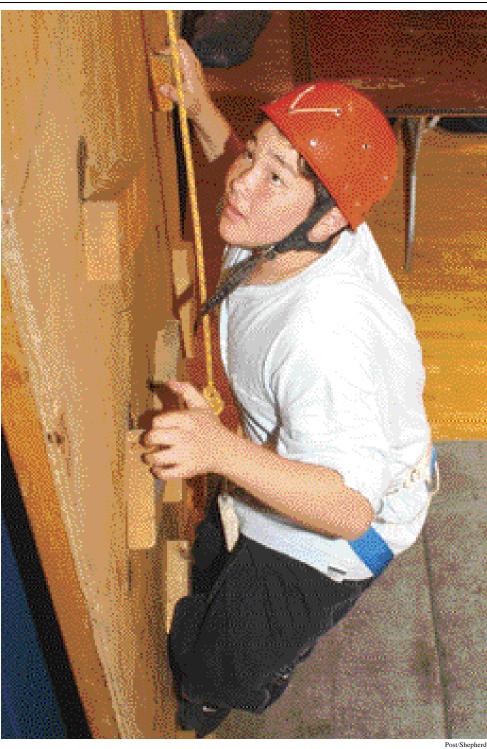
Some of the soldiers had ideas as to what improvements could be made to give the best care. "I wish we had more space to have more resources," said Anzaldua.

"Having refresher courses would help," McElveen added. "Maybe once a month."

For the soldiers at CTMC, making the soldier happy is a top priority.

"Customer service is most important," said Anzaldua. "We

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Eighth grader Jeff Sheehan climbs a wall set up by the Boy Scouts during the Wellness Fair at Fort Riley Middle School on Tuesday. This was the fourth year for the fair. See more on the fair in next weeks Fort Riley Post.

# Army study identifies NCO concerns, raises issues

By Joe Burlas

WASHINGTON (Army News Service) -- NCOs want better nformation as to how they stack ip technically, tactically and leadrship-wise with their peers, ccording to the latest round of he Army Training and Leader Development Panel study.

Based upon written surveys, ocus groups and one-on-one nterviews with more than 30,000 ctive-duty. Reserve and National

released yesterday.

"The NCO study is another example of the extraordinary integrity and credible authority of the chief of staff of the Army's Training and Leader Development Panel," said Brig. Gen. David Huntoon, executive agent for Army Leadership at Fort Leavenworth, Kan. "This report is about the U.S. Army taking a bold and forthright look at itself --

Guard soldiers and spouses, the expressed in the clear and coura- soldier beliefs, the Noncommis- findings in order not to be preju- many of the panel members, about making a great, profession- micromanagement al noncommissioned officer corps even better.'

The NCO ATLDP results raised many of the same issues of an required and that pay and benefits officer ATLDP study conducted in could be better. 2000. The officer study results were released last Mav.

Both studies agreed that Army

ing Transformation. And, it is need for more trust and less the two outcomes were so similar. when one of his soldiers failed to seniors and subordinates, training resources need to be maintained, improved and provided as

Combined Arms Center Command Sgt. Maj. Cynthia to take a close look at itself." Pritchett, who purposely chose practices are out of balance with not to review the officer study

panel's NCO study results were released yesterday.

geous voice of its soldiers. It's sioned Officer Education System diced when evaluating the NCO Pritchett said. The NCO wrote about the human dimension lead-needs improvement, there is a data, said she wasn't surprised that that he did not feel responsible

idates the earlier officer study -there are some real issues here that must be examined," Pritchett training management leaves little, said. "It also shows the Army's if any, time for NCOs to conduct the Army is not afraid and needs she said.

from an NCO that did surprise

"The NCO study just val- perform or meet standards. That comment reinforced many survey participants' views that top-down commitment to its people -- that their own sergeant's time training,

> The study found that There was one comment there is a need for more consistent

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# Open House will feature honor guard, military dogs

By Staff Reports

Some of Fort Riley's active duty members don't wear combat Army and the security of the installation are just as vital.

Soldiers from the Fort Riley Honor Guard will Honor Guard and 523rd's Mili- have several opportary Working Dogs will explain tunities to demontheir units' history and demon- strate their capabilistrate their animals' skills at Fort ties and show off Rilev's Open House June 1.

The Honor Guard, comprised horses.

500-mile radius, but they have Guard commander. appeared in the 2001 Presidential boots or camouflage, but their D.C. and are continually requestroles in the history of America's ed for other events with national interest.

During the Open House, the

Fort Riley their equipment and

Inaugural Parade in Washington Honor Guard will perform three times during the Open House.

three shows; 10 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 3 a.m." he said.

Staff Sgt. Melissa ing Dog section, is

teams to the Open House.

demonstrations a year within a said Capt. Shane Pruente, Honor several dogs trained in the areas of Patrol, Patrol/Narcotic Detec-According to Pruente, the tion, and Patrol/Explosive Detection.

"We have two different breeds "The honor guard will have here, one is the German Shepherd and the other is the Belgian Mallinois," said Burson.

"We will be conducting a K9 Burson, Kennelmaster capability demonstration," said for the Military Work- Burson. "The teams will be demonstrating obedience, narcotbringing three of her ic and explosive detection, six highly trained dog phases of controlled aggression, and a subject apprehension".

### More food booths needed

Similar to Apple Day and the OCSC Spring Bazaar, Fort Riley's Open House on June 1 will allow Family Readiness Groups to raise money through concessions.

As many as 50,000 people are expected to visit Fort Riley June 1, meaning the opportunity to raise thousands of dollars is avail-

"Groups can raise anywhere from \$400 to \$4,500 depending on the items they sell," said Jeff Leedy, chief, business operations division. "They can select from several recommended foods that

are known to be successful." A Fest Tent will be set up on Cavalry Parade Field in the center of it for vendors and FRGs.

So far, groups have signed up to sell bratwurst, sloppy joes, hot

# Fort Riley Garrison Commander inducted into OCS Hall of Fame

Community Relations

When Col. Philip T. Pope, the ort Riley Garrison Commander. vas inducted in the Officer Candilate School's (OCS) Hall of Fame wo weeks ago, it did not seem real

hat he was eing honored on the ame stage hat he had eceived his ommission n 1977.





hinking that 'm here today because of the hard vork of literally hundreds of solliers, NCOs, peers, mentors and ny especially my family."

Pope went on to say that when e polished the old brass cannon in ront of Wigle Hall, the building hat houses the Hall of Fame, as an officer candidate he never dreamed

that one day his photograph would hang in one of the galleries.

'We're very proud of everything he has accomplished as a soldier, as a young soldier, an officer candidate and as a commissioned officer." his wife LaVerne said. "I kept thinking could it have been this long? I remember, as if it were yescolonel.'

She added that she was very impressed with the young officer candidates that she met at the ceremony. "They all seemed so proud to be serving their country and I feel very confident that when it is our time to head home, we will be leaving our Army and Country in good hands.

Pope recounted that as he stood before the crowd being honored he mind kept turning to memories and faces of people who had left an indelible mark on his life and career. "I remembered Capt. Carl J. Van Gorder, who encouraged me to take the OCS test and become an officer and Ed Schwabe, my first

mentors me," he said. "Ed took me under his wing and molded me into

an adequate officer.' Officers were not the only ones who left their mark on the young soldier. "I remember Sgt. 1st Class "Big Daddy" Rucker just like it was yesterday," Pope recalled. "He was tough disciplinarian who didn't terday, him standing there as a sec- mind getting up in my face. He kept ond lieutenant and now he's a me walking the straight and narrow." He also recalled Sgt. 1st Class Jano Davis, a tough Korean War veteran and his first platoon sergeant. "Sergeant First Class Davis kept me out of trouble as a young officer. He would bring me into the platoon CP and say, 'Sir, this is what we need to be doing now," Pope recounted. "He was an excellent noncommissioned officer." "These are the guys I recalled during the ceremony, them, and my

Behind his desk a small photograph rests almost invisible on a shelf. Upon closer examination an observer can determine that it is a small portion of the black granite company commander who still Washington D. C. bearing the name believes his time as an enlisted sol-

'George R. Pope.

"My brother was killed in Vietnam in 1968 and that had a profound effect on me. He had been in country nine months when he died." Pope said. "That was my primary motivation for joining the military. I felt that somehow I owed it to my brother to join the Army and serve our Nation."

Pope explained that he was a voung man from Turkey, North Carolina, who was "trying to find himself." "I did not believe then that the Army would be my life's work," he added. "I can tell you that.' He explained that the loss of his

brother in combat led directly to him enlisting in the Army in 1971 as a 90 and 106mm recoilless rifle gunner. "When we fired, it felt like all of my teeth would fall out," he said smiling. "But we sure had fun with them.

By the time he had earned enough college credits to attend OCS he had attained the rank of E-5 or "buck sergeant" as he calls it. wall of the Vietnam Memorial in Pope added that he sincerely

spective at times. "I can honestly relate to the problems of a young NCO because I have been his shoes." he said.

Pope remembered his days at OCS as a hectic time and that the tactical officers sure kept the candidates busy from before sunup until way after it set. The secret pleasure at all the candidates enjoyed was "illegal pizza" smuggled in from the famous Airborne Snack Bar. "Needless to say that from time to time we broke the rules," he said smiling.

Upon commissioning as a second lieutenant in the Infantry, he married his sweetheart LaVerne Dixon and served five year as with the 5th Infantry Division at Fort Polk, Louisiana, where he commanded a company. During his advanced course, he went to college at night on the "bootstrap" program hoping to complete his college degree since he had entered OCS with the minimum requirement of 60 hours of college credit.

The OCS Hall of Fame was established in 1958 to honor gradu- do it all again!

dier helped him maintain his per- ates of the Army's Officer candidate programs who had rendered great service to our nation, according to Maj. Rick Crowther, the program's executive officer. To date the Hall of Fame has inducted 2.128 former officer candidates into the ranks of those honored.

"The Hall of Fame automatically honors those graduates who have been awarded the Medal of Honor or attained the rank of General Offi cer," Crowther said. " A board convenes annually to consider other OCS graduates who have distinguished themselves in the military or civilian careers."

Looking back Pope said that he feels he has had a good career in the military. "I have lived in open bay barracks, had the opportunity to become an officer and I have served my Nation in combat," he said. "Looking back, I'd may change some individual decisions I made but in the big scheme of things, I'd

# Fort Riley Post, journalist win FORSCOM, Army-wide awards

By Staff Reports

Maj. Gen. Thomas Metz recogized Fort Riley's Public Affairs Office April 8, for their achieve-third. nents in the annual Keith L. Ware ournalism Competition. The office received five Forces Comnand Awards and one Departnent of the Army-level award for 2001.

Christie Vanover was named he FORSCOM Civilian Journalst of the Year for the third year in row and received honorable nention at DA for the second year n a row. The Fort Riley Post nline was named the best newspaper website in FORSCOM for he third year in a row.

Individual awards also went ames Pritchett. Doheny received Army.'

third place in the commentary category, and Pritchett received second place in the graphics category, in which Vanover also placed

Metz presented each of the award recipients with their FORSCOM plaques and a commander's coin.

The annual Keith L. Ware Journalism Competition honors Maj. Gen. Keith L. Ware who was a public affairs officer in the Vietnam War and was killed in action. The parade field in front of Fort Riley's headquarter's building is also named in his honor.

"I am honored to win the FORSCOM Civilian Journalist of the Year Award," said Vanover. "It means a lot to me to represent out to Sgt. Kevin Doheny and Fort Riley, FORSCOM and the

"Army newspapers are important to military communities," Vanover said. "America's soldiers come from all walks of life. The Army is a true melting pot of races, religions and cultures. However, despite the vast differences soldiers have, they all share the love for the Army and their nation. Army newspapers help tie soldiers together by highlighting their diversities, while focusing on their common ground."

"Our newspaper and website offer a well-balanced menu," said Gary Skidmore, Command Information Officer.

"There are sports, commentary and news in each issue of the paper. Our community is represented well and we always look for better ways to tell the Army story." Skidmore also said Army

way to get information to his soldiers.

The Public Affairs Office is not only setting the example with their post newspaper but they now have a half-hour commercial television show on Fox 43, which is broadcast out of Topeka.

Skidmore said they are doing whatever it takes to cover all the bases of distributing information.

"Our long-range strategy for this office is to ensure the Public Affairs mission remains a combat multiplier for the Command Group," said Maj. Todd Livick, Public Affairs Officer. "I am a combat arms officer at heart and will always be.

The PAO world is an arena one cannot master overnight. We have the energy and passion for our

profession, which others try to implement. We need leaders to learn how to effectively and rou- ment and involvement from the tinely use us and the media to tell their story."

we produce at the Public Affairs paper."

Office," Skidmore said.

"We continually seek improvecommunity with our stringer writing courses offered once a quarter. "We continually strive to So, if we can't cover an event, improve the paper, T.V. show, online paper and everything else write well enough to input into the

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tandards and better enforcement rent MTPs." of those standards. Part of this ssue reflects back to the pereived need to improve NCOES, ecause many Mission Training lans are outdated or nonexistent. The MTP is a formal document hat lays out the individual, leader nd collective tasks, conditions and standards that each type of Army unit can expect to perform n carrying out its mission.
"There was a time that every-

ne in the Army trained to pubished tasks, conditions and stanlards," said retired Sgt. Maj. of he Army Robert Hall, who served is a senior mentor to NCO ATLDP members. "For many reaons -- top-down management, DPTEMPO, 9-11, lack of current ATPs -- the Army has slipped rom training that way. There is a eal need to ground the new genration (of NCOs) with using cur-

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While survey participants did not fault the NCO Evaluation Report per se, they said it was not being used effectively to provide the feedback they need to

"Let's face it, people in the Army are competitive by nature," she said. "They want to know how they're doing compared to their peers. The NCO-ER just isn't doing that."

improve, according to Pritchett.

Many of the respondents, especially among the younger NCOs, said they would like to see something like the old military occupa-

given annually more than 20 years ago, Pritchett said.

About one-third of NCOs surveyed do not believe NCOs maintain MOS skill proficiency, while more than half said unit mission essential tasks are not being trained to standard, stated the study's final report.

"Don't look for any fixes coming out of this study because the NCO corps isn't broken," Hall said. "The NCO corps isn't like a rusty old heap sitting in the driveway; it is like a Mercedes just study will help arm Army leadertional specialty tests that were ship with the facts it needs to Department of the Army civilians.

make decisions that will ensure the NCO corps' and the Army's successes of the past 226 years will keep pace with Transforma-

The final report on the NCO ATLDP study should be posted on the web today at www.army.mil/features/ATLD-NCO.htm. The earlier officer located report is www.army.mil/features/ATLD/A TLD.htm.

Two additional ATLDP studies are underway: one surveying warneeding a wash and a wax. This rant officers, and another reviewing the attitudes and opinions of

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# Brigade conducts exercise in Germany

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

Soldiers from the 3rd Brigade, st Armored Division journeyed o Germany to link up with the est of the division for Warfighter, corps-level training event conlucted by V Corps. Warfighter is lesigned to test the effectiveness of its division commanders.

The Brigade's combat staff, onsisting of 180 soldiers made he trip to Germany for the exerise. In addition to the 1st Armored Division, the exercise ilso included the 1st Infantry Division, the 35th Division and !56th Brigade.

"We are aligned to fight with he 1st Armored Division and this nables us to understand their proedures," said Col. John Musser, commander 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Armored Division. When we got here we fit right

Musser said the division com-

but considers them a part of the officer. division team for their mission taskings for Bosnia and Southwest Asia.

The exercise works off of a computer simulation that runs throughout the exercise, even during the After Action Reviews conducted after each mission.

and synchronizing all combat forces and operating systems, which you program into the computer, and if you do well or do poorly you find out," said Maj. William Prior, 3rd Brigade Operations Officer.

"It really forces us to develop a battle rhythm because not everything happens eight to five," said Musser.

"I run the TOC (Tactical Opercaptains who work 12 hour shifts. including one, who takes my place at times, because I can't stay up 24 hours," said Lt. Col. Jay

mander knows they are in Kansas Rouse, 3rd Brigade executive became closer as a unit.

Many of the aspects of the exercise are similar to training the unit does at the National Training Center in California.

The planning process and the tactical operations cell are all the same here," said Rouse.

What is different is the support "The focus here is on planning of the division's additional brigades as well as other assets.

The 1st Armored Division has state of the art equipment, and when we go there we fall in on equipment that increases our technological focus," said Musser. In each TOC there are computer displays that update the battle for the units, assisting them in their mis-

"The overall scope of the operations was much different than at ations Center) and have two battle NTC," said Rouse. Rouse said the unit moved thousands of kilometers in support of the operation.

In addition to the training the brigade staff received, they

"The initiative and knowledge of the soldiers kept getting better, said Rouse. "We got high marks for our use of noncommissioned officers and soldiers." He explained that the soldiers ran and processed the information of the TOC, allowing the officers time to look at the whole picture of the battle.

"Often we'll get key information from our Radio/Telephone Operators who aren't afraid to pipe in with that information," said Rouse.

For many soldiers, the trip was their first to Germany. In their offduty hours the brigade planned a few sightseeing trips to broaden their view.

"I've been to Korea twice but never here, and this is totally different than what I'm used to," said Staff Sgt. Michael Hayes, 3rd Brigade Schools NCO.

# Grunt By Wayne Uhden HEY, LIEUTENANT. BOUT CHECKIN' HOW THA AIR PRESSURE PROBABLY THINKS IN THEM ROADWHEELS. I CAN'T DO IT ... WHILE I GO ORDER SOME PARTS.

# Self-help course available

Did you know that every unit is class is mandatory for Energy required to have a noncommissioned officer and three school trained members on their self-help team?

Self-help teams are an essential part of the installation's facility maintenance team. They free Public Works employees to work on those repairs that only they can

The Public Works Self-help School can help units establish a good self-help program. The course is scheduled every month, and the next is scheduled to start May 13. Classes are also scheduled for June 10-14 and July 15-19.

The Self-help course also incorporates the installation's Energy Conservation class, which is taught on Thursday afternoon during the course at 1 p.m. Students do not have to attend the Self-help course to come to the Energy Conservation class. This

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Awareness Officers and NCOs.

To enroll a soldier, units need to submit a request for on-post school space to the Self-help School. The school is located on main post, in building 307, on the corner of Holbrook and Carter Ave., upper floor.

School hours are 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays. The school is closed on federal and training hol-

If you need to pick up Self-help supplies, the Troop Self-help Store, building 372, is open 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m., weekdays.

The store is closed on all federal holidays.

For more information on the Self-help course, visit the Public Works web site or call 239-3757.

The course is taught in conjunction with Barton Community College, and provides soldiers the opportunity to obtain advanced

# Weh appointed national committee chair

resident and chief executive offi-National Committee for Employer employee military service. Support of the Guard and Reserve.

Weh succeeds Thomas C. ESGR is a Department of Defense Arlington, Va., and a network of

Secretary of Defense Donald organization responsible for gain-I. Rumsfeld announced last week ing and maintaining active suphe appointment of Allen E. Weh, port from all public and private employers for the men and er, CSI Aviation Services Inc. women of the National Guard and CSI) of Albuquerque, N.M. as Reserve as defined by demonhe national chairman for the strated employer commitment to

Formed in 1972, ESGR serves to minimize conflicts between part-time military duties and fullrwin, who is retiring after four time civilian career responsibilirears as ESGR's volunteer leader. ties. A small staff, located in nam.

more than 4,200 volunteers, assists the chairman.

In addition to his business career, Weh is a retired Marine Corps Reserve colonel. After receiving his bachelor's degree in 1966 at the University of New Mexico, Weh received his Marine Corps commission. He received the Silver Star, a Bronze Star with "V" for heroism, and three Purple

Upon release from active duty

in March 1971. Weh joined the Marine Corps Reserve. He was promoted to the rank of colonel in 1988. From November 1990 through March 1991, Weh was called to active duty and commanded the Southwest Asia Training Group, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twenty Nine Palms, Calif.

In 1992-93, he was called to active duty again to serve in Somalia in Operation Restore Hope. He retired from the Marine Corps Reserve in July 1997.

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CA, building 253, to secure an must attend the final meeting May booths: Company A, 1st Battal- FRGs can generate a nice profit." rganizational rical requirements for each class is offered May 17 at 11 a.m.

Organizations participating dozen FRGs have signed up for one of two times per year that

s also used to determine the elec-proper sanitation practices. A B; 2nd Bn., 70th Armor.

fundraising 17 at 10 a.m. at building 253. ion, 34th Armor; 1st Bn., 41st equest. The form asks the FRGs Additionally, at least one person Infantry; HHC, 3rd Brigade; Co. FRGs should contact Leedy or o list what they would like to sell per booth will be required to A; 1st Bn., 16th Inf.; 70th Engi- Brenda Kimble at 239-2544. The o avoid duplicated food items. It attend a food safety class to learn neer Bn. and HHC, Co. A and Co.

> "This is a great opportunity to As of this week, less than a make a buck," said Leedy. "It is

To sign up for a concession,

deadline is May 17.

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trive to give good patient care." When somebody leaves feeling etter, knowing I helped them. aid Pfc. Bryan Nation Headquarers and Headquarters Company, st Battalion, 13th Armor.

The CTMC is open Monday

through Friday from 6 a.m. to 3 p.m.

For soldiers coming in to sick call, Nicholson reminds them to bring their sick call slip, "Soldiers always forget to bring in their sick call slip.

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Julius Russell, Jr., plays with beans at the Youth Center. Approximately 350 parents and kids rode ponies, watched a suppet show and played with clowns during this year's 'Month of the Military Child' festival on Saturday at the Youth Center on Fort Riley. See story page 12.

## Tax change means more service members qualify for Earned Income Credit

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press

WASHINGTON hanges affecting reportable ncome for this year will mean nore service members qualify for he earned income tax credit, said Defense Department officials.

Congress has changed the way ncome is figured and the way the redit is paid. Uniformed military nembers will be the chief benefiriaries, according to Army Lt. Col. Tom Emswiler, executive lirector of the Armed Forces Tax Council.

In the past, he said, the basic llowances for housing and subistence and pay excluded from ncome due to combat zone serrice was included in calculating vhether a person qualified for the arned income tax credit. The redit was "paid" with the filing of one's annual income tax return.

"This year Congress is only going to make you include the noney in your taxable income," Emswiler said. The allowances arned income when computing the IRS Web site, Emswiler said. he credit, he noted. In addition, **Chrift Savings Program contribu**ions also will be excluded.

What this means is that more nembers are going to qualify for arned income credit this year han ever did previously," he said.

The earned income credit is for imployees who don't make a lot of money. Income limits this year re \$29.201 (30.201 if married filng jointly) if you have one quali-ying child; \$33,178 (34,178 if narried filing jointly) if you have nore than one qualifying child nd \$11.060 (\$12.060 if married iling jointly) if you do not have a jualifying child. Other rules also

Refundable credits, like the arned income tax credit, are vorth more than deductions ecause they reduce income taxes lollar for dollar and the governnent pays the taxpayer any credit emaining after the tax due falls to zero. For most people claiming he credit, deductions would

reduce taxes by 28 cents or less on the dollar and then only to zero.

Instead of waiting for a lumpsum annual credit payment, taxpayers can request advance monthly installments now if they expect both their annual earned income and adjusted gross income to be less than \$29,201 (\$30,201 if married filing jointly); they have or expect to have at least one qualifying child; and they expect to qualify for the credit in tax year 2002.

Service members with questions about the credit should visit their installation Defense Finance and Accounting Service office or legal assistance office. The Internal Revenue Service Web site, www.irs.gov, can provide full details, forms and guidance. Click on "Earned Income Credit," Publication 596; or "Your Income Tax," IRS Publication 17; or enter "Earned Income Credit" into the site's search engine box.

Members who believe they qualify for advance monthly credit payments this year should fill out IRS Form W-5, available at nd tax exclusion won't count as installation DFAS offices or on

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# **Audie Murphy Club inducts new members**

By Christopher Selmek 19th PAD

The Sergeant Audie Murphy Club inducted 13 new members in a ceremony at Riley's Con-

ference Center on April 9. Sergeant Audie Murphy, who fought in World War II, was the most decorated soldier to ever serve in the Army. The club was formed in honor of him in order to recognize particularly honorable Non-Commissioned Officers. The

new inductees were: Sgt. 1st

70th Eng. Bn.; Sgt. 1st Class Eva Dana Nicholson, U.S. Army M. Pearson, Co A., 1st PSB; Sgt. MEDDAC; and Sgt. Christopher 1st Class Mary E. Turnbough, Det. B, 1st Fin; Sgt. 1st Class DAC. Richard Wilson, Jr., 2nd Bn (TS)(AV), 291st Reg; Staff Sgt.
Tamika Anderson, Co. B, 1st become part of a club like that,"
PSB; Staff Sgt. William F. Engel, said Sgt. 1st Class Mary Turn-Co. A, 1st PSB; Staff Sgt. Thomas C. Greene, Btry B, 1st Bn., 5th FA; Staff Sgt. Jason F. Hart, 331st Signal Co.; Staff Sgt. Andrew B. Johnson, 331st Signal Co.; Staff Sgt. Matthew Presley, HHB, 1st a way of leading by example. Bn., 5th FA; Staff Sgt. Curtis

Thompson, U.S. Army MED-"It feels good that they feel I

bough. She said that she encourages her soldiers to go in front of boards and continue to advance

their careers, and this, for her, was The Dr. Mary E. Walker Award thing like this.'

spouses at the ceremony for their excellence in volunteering programs.

Award recipients were: Arlene Nordstrom, wife of 1st Sgt. Fred Nordstrom; Virginia T. Wallace, wife of Col. Arthur Wallace and Patricia Webb, wife

of Sgt. 1st Class Johnny Webb. "I was surprised," said Virginia Wallace, Dr. Mary E. Walker Award recipient. "I just like to volunteer and do what needs to be done, and I never expected any-

# Federal Children's Scholarship deadline soon

the 2002/2003 academic year from from the Federal Children's ships.org. Scholarship Fund are now available on their website.

The two-page application, along with instructions and a listing of all necessary scholarship

Scholarship applications for requirements can be downloaded 2002/2003 academic year from http://www.fedscholar-

Completed applications for the 2002/2003 academic year are due by June 1. All scholarship awards will be announced on or before

The Federal Children's Scholarship Fund is a non-profit organization offering college scholarships to the children of current and former federal employees, as

well as to the children of active duty and former members of the

Scholarship Handbook loaded with tips for paying for college. For more details, visit the Fed-

eral Children's Scholarship Fund's website at http://www.fedscholar-

Also available for downloading

is the 2002 Federal Children's

# Fort Riley open house offers variety June 1

The public-at-large is invited to step within the boundaries of America's Army, June 1 for Fort Riley's Open House. The free event will demonstrate what the Army and Fort Riley do for the nation, community and its citi-

**Main Attractions** 

"Own the Night" - Interactive Night Vision Exhibit

Wear night vision goggles while entering a darkened world complete with obstacles, map reading challenges and observation points

Simulated Battle Engagement

\* Enter the Close Combat Tactical Trainer and man an M1 Abrams and M2 Bradley weapons system

Engage in simulated battle scenarios

**Operational Forces Display** \* Land Warrior, Objective Force Warrior, and Future Sol-

dier.
\* Soldiers dressed and equipped in futuristic combat gear will demonstrate systems capabilities designed for high tech battle

Weapons Firing Course \* Handle an array of military

weapons
\* Fire machine guns utilizing

belts of blank ammunition

**Laser Assault Course** \* Use the Army's laser

engagement system

Test your skills in this realistic training course used to prepare infantry for battle.

Tactical vehicle, aircraft and weapons displays

\* Interactive displays of military equipment
\* M1A1 Abrams tank, Bradley

Fighting Vehicle, Humvees, Blackhawk and CH-47 Chinook helicopters, Paladin artillery platforms and more

Air Force Flyover

\* Combat aircraft flyovers throughout the day Emergency Equipment Dis-

plays
\* Police response teams

\* Military working dogs \* Kansas Highway Patrol

rollover

\* Bomb disposal robotics \* Fire rescue

Veterans' Tent - Take a walk through history \* WWII, Korea, Vietnam and

Desert Storm displays

\* Reunite with fellow veterans \* Get acquainted with Ameri ca's veterans and reminisce with

them as they share their stories

\* Sign the banner that will be

sent to the Pentagon

Kid's activities \* Carnival rides

\* Ponv rides

\* Mini-obstacle course

\* Camouflage face painting

\* Petting zoo

**Fort Riley Honor Guard** 

\* Living history mid-1800s cavalry encampment

\* Demonstrations of equestrian skills and saber drills Tours of Fort Riley's Historic

District \* Self-guided walking tour of

historic Main Post \* U.S. Cavalry Museum

\* Custer House

\* Ribbon cutting of the Constabulary Museum

\* Outdoor historic vehicle display Old Thunder - vintage cannon, WWII Willy's Jeep, Armored Personnel Carrier and

Expo Hall featuring a look at \* Soldier training and readi-

ness \* Support links for soldiers

and their families \* Diverse quality of life pro-

grams and activities \* Community partnership

agencies

Concessions

\* Variety of food and bever-

ages throughout post

\* Fest Tent

\* Face Painting

\* Souvenirs Recruiters

\* Active, Army Reserve, National Guard and ROTC

\* Interactive displays and attractions Parking for vehicles without

Department of Defense decals will be available at Marshall Army Air Field, exit 301 off I-70.

Handicap parking and assistance will be available.

Parking for vehicles with DoD stickers will be available at Camp Forsyth near the Commis-

Shuttle buses will continuously transport visitors to and from the parking areas and the Expo Center on the historic Main Post and to and from the Tactical Trainer Center on Custer Hill.

All Army installations have increased their security levels; therefore it is important to carry a photo ID at all times.

Additionally, bags may be subject to search and coolers will not be allowed.

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# Former Fort Riley Chief of Staff dies

By Christie Vanover

Deputy Media Relations Officer

Brig. Gen. Bruce H. Barlow, 7th Infantry Division (Light) and Fort Carson assistant division commander/deputy commanding general (Central) Fifth United States Army, died April 30 while on temporary duty at Offut Air Force Base, Neb.

Barlow, 51, was commissioned from the United States Military Academy June 6, 1972. He served as Fort Riley's Chief of Staff from August 1996 to

Other assignments included Europe, Fort Benning, Ga.; Fort Polk, La.; Norfolk, Va.; Newport, R.I.; Fort Richardson, Alaska; Fort McPherson, Ga. and Fort Carson, Colo.

Barlow's awards and decorations include the

Legion of Merit, with two oak leaf clusters; Meritorious Service Medal, with four oak leaf clusters; Army Commendation Medal, with two oak leaf clusters; Army Achievement Medal; Expert Infantryman Badge; Master Parachutist Badge and the Ranger tab.

"Our thoughts and prayers are with the Barlow family in this difficult time," said Maj. Gen. Charles Campbell, 7th Infantry Division and Fort Carson commander. "General Barlow was a valuable member of the Mountain Post Team, and we will miss him.'

Barlow is survived by his wife, son and daughter. Funeral and interment arrangements have not yet been determined.

An investigation is being done to determine the

# Traveling wall to be displayed in Salina

The traveling Vietnam Memoral Wall will be on display in Saliıa May 13 - 19 at Thomas Park.

Activities will be ongoing durng the week, and will include the rrival of Run for the Wall particpants, 200-250 motorcycle riders, t Thomas Park, Salina, on May 9 on their way to Washington

Evening Programs will start at p.m. except for May 18 - 19. The May 18 program will be at 10 .m. and the May 19 Program will e at 7:30 p.m.

Programs will be at the East Crawford Recreation Center, Sali- 14 - Ellsworth VFW POW/MIA

Take Ohio Street exit to Crawford, go left until you see Municipal Golf course, take a right and go by the baseball diamonds and you will see the area.

The departure of the motorcycle riders will be at 8 a.m., May 20, and they will be going east on I-70. The riders will pass through Junction City at about 8:45 a.m.

Events for the week include: May 13 - Opening Ceremony with Sammy L. Davis, Congressional Medal of Honor Recipient; May

program with Sgt. Major Donker from Fort Riley; May 15 - Military Order of the Purple Heart, Salina, with Russell Estes, MOPH Commander; May 16 - Disabled American Veterans program with Taft Yates, past commander; May 17 - Women Veterans program with the female Fort Riley Color Guard; May 18 - Armed Forces Day program and Faces on the Wall and May 19 - Closing Candlelight Ceremony with VVA Chapter 809 and Sammy Davis.

# Bush names retired soldier teacher of year

2002 National Teacher of the Year n a White House ceremony April

Chauncey Veatch retired as a camps. olonel from the Army in 1995 fter 22 years as an infantry and Medical Service Corps officer. Now he is a social studies teacher it Coachella Valley High School n Thermal, Calif.

l'ear Program is sponsored by the Council of Chief State School Officers and Scholastic Inc., the hildren's publishing and media ompany.

Veatch was cited for leading iis students, 99 percent of whom extra activities he leads. In addi-

ACAP

employees

recognized

WASHINGTON -- President are Hispanic, in developing a lit-Bush named a retired soldier the eracy program for third graders at two local elementary schools and in passing out pamphlets about health issues in migrant laborer

> He spent much of his military career in Latin American countries and speaks fluent Spanish.

"He uses the language to communicate with his students and to Thermal, Calif. show respect for a culture," Bush
The National Teacher of the said of Veatch during the Rose Garden ceremony. "He's involved in many after- school programs and community events. In short, he's changed a lot of lives for the better.

Bush lauded Veatch for the

tion to teaching social studies, Veatch teaches a ninth-grade career-preparation course and has established a branch of the California Cadet Corps at his school. The Cadet Corps is a leadershipand citizenship-development program for the state's junior and senior high school students. It includes information on the military and the role of the armed forces in a democracy.

"For Mr. Veatch, teaching is not just a career, it is a high calling. It's a form of service to children and to a nation he loves," Bush said. "He has served both the children and our country extraordinarily well."

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or sustained superior perfornance for FY 2001 said Jeanetta Chart, ACAP Manager.
The Army currently has 44 ACAP sites worldwide and these employees were rated in the top 0 percent of their peers in ACAP

Army Career and Alumni Pro-

ram employees DeAnn Parsons, im Walker, Sue Wells and Mac McLaurin, have been recognized

Centers, she said. Due to their efforts, the Fort Riley ACAP Center consistently chieved the highest possible ratngs in providing quality services o ACAP clients who are soldiers

and their families Chart said.

"The team excelled in helping heir clients make that critical lecision about staying in or geting out of Army, in doing an effective job search, and in using heir separation benefits," said

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# Kansas, Styx in concert May 27

Fort Riley is hosting a Memorial Day concert featuring Kansas, for \$30 each. These tickets Army Air Field, which is located Styx, Pat Green and comedian, A.J. Jamal on May 27.

The concert, which begins at 5 p.m., is open to the public.

A Festival Tent with conces-

sions opens at 2 p.m. and gates to the show open at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person or

\$20 for groups of four. Seating is festival-style, so concertgoers should bring their

own chairs or blankets.

include special parking, special seating and food and beverage.

Tickets go on sale Monday and can be purchased at Dillons in Junction City, Manhattan, Topeka and Salina; at Montgomery Communications in Junction City and through the Information, Ticketing and Registration Office on Fort Riley.

You can also purchase tickets by phone at 785-239-5614.

right off I-70 at exit 301.

For security purposes, concertgoers will need photo IDs and drivers may be asked to show proof of insurance and vehicle registration.

Coolers, food, beverages and video or audio devices cannot be brought in.

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# Briefs

### Change of Command

Capt. Jeremy McGuire will relinjuish command of Battery B, 4th Battalion, 1st Field Artillery to Capt. Robert Carter at a change of command ceremony on May 10, 0 a.m. The ceremony will take place at Gunner Parade Field. For nformation call 239-5755.

### Organizational Day

The Directorate of Environnent and Safety will be have an organizational day for its employes and their families May 17 100n - 4:30 p.m. Any emergenies, including spills, should be eported to the Fort Riley Fire Department during that time.

### Mail Training Class

An official mail training class vill be offered on May 6 and 28, a.m.- 2 p.m. at building 7856. Pre-enrollment is required. For urther information or to enroll. please call Sylvia at 239-5411.

### Blood drive

The third quarter 1 BCT Blood Drive will be at Craig Gym May 11-23, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Military and ivilian personnel are invited to

### Special Forces

A Special Forces recruiter will be visiting Fort Riley May 13 -16. The briefings will be held at building 7626, the Post-Reup building. The briefings will be at 10 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. daily, with an additional briefing at 6 p.m. on the May 14 and 16.

A PT test will be conducted at Long track at 7 a.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Candidates need to wear BDU's and running shoes. For more information, call Sgt. 1st Class Hawkins at (719) 510-4493.

### Leave donation

Fort Riley has several Federal civilian employees that are in the leave donation program and are really hurting for donations.

Employees from Fort Riley who have had to be placed in the leave donation program to keep from going in LWOP status greatly appreciate the donations, as they can not know who donated the leave.

Please send all leave requests to Ginny Davenport after May 5.

For further information, contact Ginny Davenports at 239-6047 or email Virginia.Davenport@riley.army.mil, or contact Sonja Elzy at 239-6080 or email Sonja.Elzy@riley.army.mil.

### Stampede volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to work the Stampede in Manhattan. Volunteers will be working in the beverage serving area. Names are being taken on a first come, first serve basis to fill the slots available. Shifts will require five hours per day of volunteer time. Benefits for working the five hours each day include free admission, access to the VIP area seating, two meals per day and a T-shirt. There are three shifts to be filled. All volunteers are required to work all three days, June 28, 29 and 30. Volunteers must be able to commit to all three days. There will be a small number of volunteers needed for the Kick-Off Night on June 27.

There will be a pre-meeting on the June 15, at 11a.m. in McCormick Park on Fort Riley. Requirements will be discussed at that time, and last minute slots for volunteers will be filled. Be prepared to have a fun time.

For more information email Mick McCallister mccallim@riley.army.mil email Ken Barteau at Kenneth.Barteau@safetycenter.ar my.mil.

### Short Staffed

May 20-24, 1st Finance will be employees, and the surrounding

short staffed due to red cycle and spring clean-up. Also, on June 12, the finance office will be short staffed due to a Finance training holiday. On any of these days there may be a long wait for service. For more information, call 239-9729.

### AUSA Golf Tournament

The AUSA Golf Tournament is scheduled for MAY 16, with a 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. The cost for the tournament is \$40, and includes cart, greens fees and lunch. The fee without a cart is \$28, and includes lunch. Lunch will consist of hamburgers or chicken, chips and a Soda. Prizes will be awarded.

### Asian Pacific Month Program

The Installation Equal Opportunity Office will sponsor Fort Riley's celebration of Asian Pacific Heritage Month on May 8, at Riley's Conference Center from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. The theme for this year's observance is "Unity in Freedom". Please join us as we celebrate in remembrance of contributions made by Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The program is free and open to all soldiers, their families, civilian tion, please contact your Brigade Equal Opportunity Advisor or the Fort Riley EO Office at 239-2928.

### Prenatal classes

The Women Infant Care Center of Irwin Army Community Hospital is offering a new series of pre-natal classes, "The Gift of Moth-erhood" on May 18, 9:30 a.m. -1:30 p.m., third floor classroom. Expectant mothers, between their 12th and 40th week of pregnancy are eligible to attend. The prenatal classes are free and each participant will receive a personal copy of the book, "The Gift of Motherhood" to take home. Expectant mothers are asked to bring their spouse, significant other or birth coach. The class is limited to 20 participants. The prenatal classes will continue to be held on the third Saturday of every month at IACH. For more information, please call Capt. Diana Seuss at 239-7434. To register for "The Gift of Motherhood" prenatal classes, please call the Fort Riley TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200 or toll free is 1-888-874-

### IACH Organization Day

Irwin Army Community Hospital will hold their Organization Day on May 17. Primary Care Clinic 3, Irwin Army Community

communities. For more informa- Hospital, will be open 7:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m. for same day acute appointments. This appointment type (Acute) is for patients who develop a sudden illness within 24-48 hours. To make an appointment, please call the local TRI-CARE Service Center at (785) 784-1200 or call toll free 1-888-874-9378.

### Irwin Online

Irwin Army Community Hospital has activated a new hospital web site. The web address for Irwin Online http://iach.amedd.army.mil. The hospital's web site features health news. mouse-activated floor maps of IACH, patient services, pharmacy formulary, and medical appointment booking.

### Rent-A-Teen

Need help with a project, your grass cut or a babysitter? Call Rent-A-Teen at 238-4436.

Rent-A-Teen is a fundraiser for Club Beyond to help raise support for teens to go on a service/mission trip to New Mexico.

### Commissary Awareness Month

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# Briefs

tary benefit. The commissary can St. Xavier's. tretch your paycheck. The comnissary is not just for married people! The commissary is a place for singles to save money

Try it, You'll like it! Find out nore about Commissary Awareiess Month by checking out DeCA's Web site www.commisaries.com in May for online hopping sprees, what's on sale, nd other Commissary Awareness Month news.

Find out what's happening at our local commissary through he "locations" link.

A list of scholarship winners vill be posted at www.commisaries.com on or about May 10.

### Commander's Address

The Garrison Commander's Address to the civilian workforce vill be on May 14 at Patton Hall, nuilding 200. There will be two

essions, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Bus transportation will be prorided, with pick-up points at divi-ion headquarters, building 500; rwin Army Hospital, building 100, at the flag pole entrance; CA, building 7264 and DOL, uilding 7836. Buses will depart rom the pick-up points at 9:30 .m. and 1:30 p.m. For individuals vith special needs, assistance will e provided. Please call Ginny Davenport at 239-6047 on or perfore May 10.

### Thrift Shop

The Fort Riley Thrift Shop vants your yard sale leftovers!! Due to the postwide yard sale omorrow, the Thrift Shop will not e open as regularaly scheduled. nstead, the Thrift Shop will be pen May 11, to accept consignnents and donations of your left-ver yard sale items. Hours that lav will be 10 a.m.-1 p.m. with onsignments accepted from 10 ı.m.-12 p.m.

Thrift Shop regular hours are ruesdays, Wednesdays and rhursdays from 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 o.m., and the first Saturday of ach month from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Consignments are taken on

Tuesdays from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. nd on open Saturdays from 10 .m. - 12 p.m.

The shop is located in building 267, on Stuart Ave., near the staoles. Volunteers are needed during business hours to help tag and put lonations on the shelves.

Childcare reimbursement is vailable. Please call 784-3874 or more information.

The Thrift Shop e-mail address s thrift@oz-online.net, for cusomer questions or concerns.

### OCSC Luncheon

OCSC May Luncheon is on the May 16, at 11 a.m. The luncheon vill be held at Riley's Event Cener. Call with your choice of nenu and childcare needs by the

The program will be the inducion of board members for 2002-9003. Come out and support the ast luncheon for this year!

There will no longer be 5 p.m. Mass at St. Mary's on Saturdays. There will be three Sunday Masss offered on post: 9:15 a.m. at Morris Hill, 11 a.m. at St. Mary's ınd 6 p.m. at Kapaun Chapel. There is a 5:15 p.m. Saturday Mass available in Junction City at

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**New OB Class** 

The New OB Class is held every Tuesday from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m., in Ward 3B of Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH). A positive pregnancy test is required before scheduling your attendance of the New OB Class. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier or military dependent, are welcome to attend. Expectant mothers will be introduced to the IACH OB/GYN staff members, fill out their OB charts, review medical and genetic history with an OB/GYN staff member and will also be provided information on available resources offered on the Fort Riley post or local com-

munities. The New OB Class is not a labor and delivery class. To schedule your attendance of the New OB Class, call the TRI-CARE Service Center at 784-1200 or dial the toll-free number 1-888-874-9378.

### Pregnancy Physical Training

Pregnancy Physical Training (PT) is held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday, on the basketball court at Long Fitness Center, 8069 Normandy Dr., from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m. The program is designed to serve the special needs of the pregnant soldier by providing appropriate physical training and a health education program. Pregnancy PT supports the Fort Riley units by offering consistent health guidance for pregnant soldiers.

Every Tuesday there is an hourlong education program held in the Education Bay, fourth floor of Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH), from 6:30 - 7:30 a.m.

Short presentations by health care staff members cover a variety of topics, such as infant car seats, skincare during pregnancy and the common discomforts of pregnancy. Spouses, or men and women who are the support persons for the pregnant soldier are welcome to attend. Participation in the Pregnancy PT program is encouraged, although participation is not mandatory.

For more information, call Sgt. Carrie M. Jensen, 2nd Platoon, 568th Engineer Company at 239-5827 or leave a message at (785)762-7012.

### TRICARE Optometry Benefit

Irwin Army Community Hospital (IACH) anticipates a provider shortage in Optometry this summer. Until the incoming Optometrist arrives at IACH. there will be fewer patient appointments. An alternative health care choice is to use the TRICARE Optometry benefit. All TRICARE Prime active duty family members, between the ages of three and 64, are eligible for a routine annual eye exam at no cost. TRICARE Prime retirees their family members (between the ages of three and 64) are eligible for an eye exam every two years at no cost.

An Optometrist in the TRI-CARE network must provide the eye exam or the beneficiary assumes full financial responsibility. Active duty soldiers must receive their eve exams at IACH. Prescription eyeglasses or contact lenses are not covered by TRI-CARE, except under very limited circumstances.

For questions or a list of TRI-CARE network Optometrists, call the TRICARE Service Center at 784-1200, Option four or visit the TRICARE Service Center on the fifth floor of the hospital.

### Youth Volunteers Needed

The Fort Riley Chapter of the American Red Cross is looking for youth volunteers ages 13 to 18, who would like to help their community and learn something in the process, while fulfilling community service requirements for school. Volunteers will have the opportunity to work at Irwin Army Community Hospital and other areas on Fort Riley. If you would like to be a member of the team, please come and sign up at the Fort Riley Red Cross office. The office is now located in the Soldier/Family Support Center, building 7264, on Custer Hill. It is very important that you bring your parents, as they must sign for their permission for you to work in the presence of a Red Cross worker. You may not take the forms home to bring back later. The deadline is May 31. The office will be open 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information, call Anita Watson at 762-4145, or Sharon Rose at the Red Cross office, 239-

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### Wall comes to Salina

Run For The Wall was started in 1989 as an effort by a couple of Vietnam Veterans who traveled across the heartland of America on motorcycles to promote awareness that we have thousands of men and women still unaccounted for from all of our wars. Every May, the group leaves California and travels to Washington, D.C., to arrive at the Vietnam Memorial on Memorial Day. Participants join the group all along the way and it has grown over the years to two routes. The Central Route stops in Salina, Kan., on May 19, in Thomas Park.

The group will arrive 5 - 6 p.m. There are usually 250 motorcycles and 15-20 trail vehicles. The group leaves Salina about 8 a.m. May 20 and hits Marshall Army Airfield about 9 - 9:15 a.m. Each year well wishers with flags gather on the overpass to recognize the group as it goes by. This year, the Traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall will be in Salina, May 13-19, with displays and programs every night. On May 17 there will be a special program for women veterans. Anyone requesting more information can contact Bonnie Templeton at 239-3382/776-4305.

### Reunion planned

The 547th Engineer Battalion Association is holding its 16th annual reunion Aug. 1-4, in Fort Mitchell, Ky. Active duty, retired and honorably discharged personnel are welcome to attend. Call Nelson Reinhart at 513-752-8545 or Ursula Allen at 253-582-4649, for more details.

### The Shoppe

The Shoppe is full of spring inventory. The many crafters displaying their works in The Shoppe have been busy making new items. The Shoppe continues to carry antiques, watercolors of different scenes at Fort Riley, lots of Americana, hand made pottery, wreaths, and numerous wood crafting items. The Shoppe is located in building 259, on Stuart Ave. Hours of operation are 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday. Call 785-239-2783 for more

information.

### Music nights weekly

Sports USA has begun offering weekly music theme nights. Dance music Friday nights will transition to the Latin Night format beginning at 11 p.m. Dance music Saturday nights will transition to the urban and hip-hop "Late Night with Monroe" show also beginning at 11 p.m.

### Use ICE

Tell us what you think! Use ICE to provide feedback on a wide range of services provided at Fort Riley. The ICE system has grown since we implemented it in November 2001. You can now comment on recreational, educational, training, housing, guest lodging, shopping, military finance, dining facilities, information management, facility mainte-nance, logistical and personnel support services. There are cur-

rently 109 services on which you can comment and we are continuing to add new areas for your feedback on a regular basis. Your feedback helps to insure that we deliver quality services throughout the installation. You can access ICE to make your comments by clicking on the ICE logo on the Fort Riley Homepage (www.riley.army.mil) or by going to the main ICE Homepage at http://ice.disa.mil and clicking on Fort Riley. ICE can be accessed from ANY computer with internet-access. Your questions or suggestions regarding ICE should be directed to the Strategic Planning Office, phone 239-2540 or e-mail SPO@riley.army.mil.

### NAF job fairs

The NAF personnel division will sponsor a job fair at Riley's Conference Center on May 15. Contact the Fort Riley CPAC NAF office at (785) 239-2325 for additional information.

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# Make preparations in advance when moving from post housing

Summer is approaching, and vith it comes the time of year vhen many families will be movng to new duty stations. The key o a successful move is planning. To help you prepare, the housing office holds quarters' pre-terminaion briefings at 2 p.m. every Tuesday. This briefing is presentd by Housing's inspectors and is lesigned to teach you what you need to know to successfully clear juarters on the first try. There is lso written information available on how to clear quarters that can Services office 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., luty days.

scheduling your Prior to ppointment with the housing

portation office. This is essential to ensure you leave enough time to clean the quarters prior to your

termination appointment. How much time you need to firms and individuals who clean hours prior to termination. clean quarters depends on the quarters

method use to clean Around Fort Riley: By Col. Philip Pope, Garrison Commander

quarters. Fort Riley has three options for yourself. This is not difficult, as we have reasonable standards, should plan at least three days to clean quarters. I recommend that you start cleaning before your household goods are out of the office, schedule your household house. This minimizes the time goods pick-up date with the trans- you will have to stay in lodging.

cleaning quarters that are avail-able to all residents. The first, and dle of the three options in terms of your quarters earlier than cleaning it yourself. I recommend that you be obtained from the Housing however it does take time. You call several and have them visit your house to give you a bid. Their prices are flexible and their costs depend on how much cleaning is required. The forms for con-

clean on your behalf. The housing

office maintains a list of local

cheapest, is to clean your quarters costs, and allows you to terminate the Total Housing Maintenance tracting with one of these local

The third option is the most best for you. Also, there are other expensive. You can pay to have tasks that residents must complete contractor clean your quarters. This method is the most expensive, as the contract was priced for cleaning abandoned quarters. Abandoned quarters are generally in poor condition, and as a result, the cost to clean is high. Since the RV from storage lot and returning price is set by contract you lose the card key to Self-Help store

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contract does allow some limited one of the local cleaning teams to hire a local cleaning team, make flexibility. Residents can pay for only the areas of their quarters to be cleaned, however, costs per type of area, no matter how clean, are fixed.

Consider vour options carefully and make the choice that works

to clear quarters. These tasks include cleaning up the yard, to include mowing, trimming and edging; filling any holes in the yard and reseeding any damaged areas; returing all loaned items to Self-Help store; removing your teams are available at Housing if the flexibility of negotiation. The and removing all exterior items ment with anticipation.

prior to termination to include storage sheds, dog houses, fences, satellite dishes and the like.

Finally please call in service orders as problems occur. This maintains your quality of life while you reside in quarters, as well as reducing the time needed to perform repairs between occupants, so we can get the next deserving family in sooner.

With the proper planning, your move can be quick and efficient so that you can proceed to your next assignment on schedule. Remember, begin preparing for your move early.

I hope you look back at Fort Riley with good memories and look forward to your next assign-

# DoD responds to Government of Georgia's request for "Train and Equip" program

**ARNEWS** 

The Department of Defense nnounced on April 29 the begining of the Georgia Train and Equip program (GTEP).

This program implements Presdent Bush's decision to respond o Government of Georgia's equest for assistance to enhance ts counter-terrorism capabilities nd address the situation in the Pankisi Gorge. This effort will complement other counter-terrorsm efforts around the globe and vill increase stability in the Cau- thereafter.

A flexible, time-phased train-ng initiative, GTEP builds upon he strong military-to-military elationship developed between cores U.S. support for Georgia's cies will be included to ensure

will conduct the GTEP. A SOCEUR site survey team of approximately 20 people departed for Georgia on April 29 to coordinate GTEP logistical requirements. Included in the team are logistics, contracting, and communications personnel. Once this groundwork is accomplished, the main body of instructors will arrive, and the initial program of instruction will begin shortly

The initial program will consist of command center staff training for members of the Georgian Ministry of Defense as well as staff training for units of the Land he two countries since the end of Forces Command. Border Guards he Cold War, and further under- and other Georgian security agen-

sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity.

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interoperability among Georgia's mately 100 days per unit. The security forces. The program's goal of the tactical program is to goal is to build strong and effecting interval. tive staff organizations capable of creating and sustaining standardized operating procedures, training plans, operational plans, and a property accounting system. In the tactics training will include addition to staff training, tactical basic individual skills, such as training will be provided sequen- combat lifesaver, radio operator

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bile tactics. The curriculum for tially and will consist of approxi- procedures, land navigation, and

human rights education. It will and squad and platoon tactics. also include individual combat individual movement techniques, gia.

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# **Gunners take** volleyball title

Christopher Selmek

19th PAD

The 4th Battalion 1st Field Artillery "Gunners" captured the ntramural volleyball championship by defeating the 924th MP Battalion 25-14 and 25-18 at King Field House Monday.

Derrick Drew of the Gunners said he felt that there was no loubt that the team would take the championship that day. "We'll just pretty much stay with our plan: good rotation," said Ron Briliante also on the Gunner team. Γhe Gunners had been undefeated n both the regular season and the ournament.

'We'll win, there's no other option," said MP team captain ynn Roll. "4-1's definitely got a great team." Roll said that the MPs had been second place only o the Gunners in the regular sea-

"Sure, you've got to be conerned because their a good MP Jerry Reitar said, notioning to the Gunners. He added that there was no intimidaion, and that his team was confilent it would succeed.

Truly, the game must have begun with a surprise to the Guniers, who were used to flying way with a high score before any other team had a thought to catch ip. The score progressed evenly, with neither side getting more han two points away from the other, and not for lack of trying.

Gunner Michael Saina took over as server and brought the score to 9-3, where it looked like t might stay.

The score was 14-7 in favor of he Gunners by the time Gunner Maverick Tuufuli furiously spiked the ball over the net, the irst of many, which the Gunners ypically scattered throughout the

Saina hit the ball out of bounds

and it went to the MPs while the score was 17-11, allowing MP Danise Chavis to step in with the

"Her serve is killer," said MP Josh Flemming. Although, he said she was currently carrying a shoulder injury that might affect her performance.

Chavis scored only one point when some confusion ensued regarding the MP's rotation in the game, however. The Gunners began a bump and set drill to stay loose while the MP's gathered to the scorekeepers bench to debate the proper lineup.

When play resumed, Gunner server Hendri Ucok promptly brought the score to 23-12.

The MPs were reluctant to relinquish the ball while the first set was so close to finished. Despite an outstanding lay up when Chavis set the ball to Jonathan Pontius, who smacked it over the net, the ball was returned. After a few more seconds of play. Saina spiked the ball onto the opposing side, where it bounced off MP Vulio Flores and landed in the middle of the court, giving the first set to the Gunners.

Ucok felt that at this point the MPs were losing their motivation for the game, and would yield an easy second set for the Gunners. "We have a lot of hard hitters," commented Gunner Scott Knight.

Yet the MPs were far from finished with their game.

"No silly mistakes," said MP Pat Tetrick. "We need more communication."

"They've underestimated us," said Roll.

The Gunners started out with the serve in the second set, but took too many hits on their side when it was returned. The MPs then lurched into a four-point

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Michael Saina of the Gunners goes vertical as he serves the ball against the 924th MP Bn., in the finals of the post volleyball tournament.

# Air Force beats 1st Engineer Die Hard team in soccer



An Air Force team member, Micah Lapointe dribbles the pall in a close 6-4 game Friday. The Air Force won the game 1-2 on penalty kicks, after ending regulation tied at two.

Christopher Selmek

19th PAD

The Air Force defeated the 1st Engineer Battalion "Die Hards" 6-4 at Infantry Parade Field April 26 in a closely matched, drawn out

The Air Force won the game 4-2 on penalty kicks, after ending regulation tied at two.

Before the game the Air Force thought they had a strong chance of winning.

"Yeah, I think we can take them," said Air Force player Thomas D'vante, "We just got to "Yeah, I think we can take them," said Air Force player final goal of the first half to give them a 2-1 lead. get warmed up.'

The first goal was made very early in the game.

Die Hard's defensive wall pushed the ball near to the Air Force goal. Just two minutes into the game, Die Hard player Eldon Beckford broke through the Air Force's ranks and scored a hard kick directly into the goal.

Play moved back toward the Air "Our offensive guys keep trying to onto the Die Hard zone and kept it

there for most of the game.

Air Force player Mike Lodyga rushed toward the goalie and slipped the ball by him, tying the game at one.

The two teams were evenly matched and fought for control of the ball as it weaved from end to end of the field. Die Hard Adrian Gonzalez rushed into the goal from the corner before defenders could them a 2-1 lead.

The Die Hardsmistakenly thought the game was over at half-

we nad a really stressful day at work. Winning is just a stress the Die Hards. "We're going to score four or five more goals before this is over."

we nad a really stressful day at work. Winning is just a stress reliever I suppose," said Air Force player Micah Lapoint.

kinks on offense during halftime. seconds," said Beckford.

Force goal after the kick off, but score rather than get a good posithe Air Force team moved the ball tion," said Jason Hennessy of Air

> The engineers moved the ball closer to the Air Force goal and kicked the ball for an apparent goal. The referees ruled that the ball was trapped in the netting behind the goal rather than in it.

The goalie dropkicked the ball halfway across the field, and it never reached the Air Force side again. The airmen pressured the Die Hard goal and push the ball through the defense, tying the game at two.

Time ran out and left the game to be decided by penalty kicks. The airmen won 4-2 on penalty kicks.

We had a really stressful day at

Air Force tried to work out the just some bad luck in the last ten

# **Ticks** can mean trouble

By Bill Wildman

*IACH* 

Ticks are very important disease vectors throughout most of the world. For the better part of 100 years, humans have known that ticks can cause some very serious illnesses. If the Fort Riley area goes through a mild winter, this will cause an abundant tick population, and the risk for disease transmission is present at Fort Riley.
You can think of a tick as the

ultimate Abrams tank of the arthropod world. Ticks are among the most efficient of all vectors. They are capable of causing paralysis through neurotoxic salivary secretions or transmitting viruses, bacteria and protozoa. They attach firmly to the skin, feed slowly on blood and often go unnoticed. All this and some ticks can live 20-25 years; go long periods without food; lay thousands of eggs and withstand extreme environmental stresses. Some species are even capable of transmitting pathogens to their offspring through their eggs. If you combine all these factors, you have a vector with great potential to transmit disease.

In Kansas, there are about 20 species of ticks. Fortunately, only a few species bite humans. The Lone Star Tick (Amblyomma americanum) and the American Dog Tick (Dermacentor variabilis) account for most of the tick bites on Fort Riley. Both have the potential for transmitting disease.

In the last 10 or so years, tick borne diseases have accounted for 95 percent of the vector-borne infections in the United States reported to the Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Ga. The vector-infections are: Lyme Disease; Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever; Human Ehrlichiosis; Tularemia and Colorado Tick Fever.

Lyme Disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever seem to get the most attention in this area, of which Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever is the most deserving.

Lyme Disease is caused by a corkscrew-shaped bacteria, Borrelia burgdorferi. It is now the most commonly reported tick-Lyme Disease can cause such nonspecific symptom as fever. malaise, fatigue, muscle aches and joint aches. Diagnosis of Lyme Disease is based on a num ber of things, history of tick bite or exposure, symptoms and par-ticularly a "bulls-eye" shaped rash around the site of the tick bite. If a person is treated promptly, results are positive and the risk of later complications is sharply reduced.

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### part of new educational displays Spiny, soft-shelled turtle, elk, deer

Gibran Suleiman

DES Conservation

The Directorate of Environment and Safety's conserva-tion division office has made a couple of additions recently. The most noticeable is a new 75-gallon fish aquarium that sits in the front lobby. The aquarium is currently stocked with different types of stream fish that are found in creeks on Fort Riley. It also has

a chelonian resident living in it. The species of turtle called a spiny soft-shell turtle has been beneity living in the aguarium worms and crayfish.

There is also a new addition on the wall to go along with the existing cow elk and tom turkey mounts. A magnificent white tail deer buck, scoring 214 non-typical, now graces the office. If big

monly called "clams") that can be found in the rivers and streams on

A new display that some might choose to avoid is the new snake display. It is located in the break room of the conservation division

### On the Wildside: News About Nature

antlers are your thing, you will also want to check out the new "Wall of Fame" display. It consists of pictures of some of the largest deer and elk harvested on Fort Riley. We will be adding new pictures to it as we get them

office. It currently houses three species of snakes, all of which are found on Fort Riley. One of them, the Copperhead, is a venomous species. By having it on display, we are giving soldiers and their families the opportunity to be

including posters, wildlife word searches and animal fact sheets.

Everyone is encouraged to come by our office and check out the new displays. If you have children, be sure to bring them also. Our office, building 1020, is the first office on the right side of the road when you enter from the Ogden gate, directly across the north-west corner of Camp Fun-ston. Our office hours are 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. If you have any questions please call 239-6211.

Just a reminder, Fort Riley is still at a heightened security pos-





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Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever your quality of life. s a febrile disease caused by the mall bacteria Rickettsia rickttsii. This disease is characterzed by a sudden onset of chills, ever, headache, muscle pain and slood shot eyes. The name "spoted fever" comes from a rash that ppears on the hands and feet, and radually extends to the rest of the ody. Diagnosis of Rocky Mounain Spotted Fever can be conirmed through blood tests. Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Human

Human monocytic ehrlichiosis (HME) is a disease caused by small, rickettsia-like, bacterial pathogen. HME is the most recent tick-borne disease discovered. with the first case of human ehrlichiosis in the United States in 1986. Since then, over 27 states have diagnosed patients with this disease, including Kansas. Fever, headache, severe muscle aches, fatigue, chills and nausea are symptoms of human ehrlichiosis Ehrlichiosis and Lyme Disease that begin one to 21 days followespond to treatment, therefore, ing infection. The symptoms down. Use Premethrin on your arly diagnosis and treatment are resemble those of Rocky Moun-uniform and apply DEET repel-

severe life-threatening condition. The best way of preventing Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever or other tick-borne diseases is to avoid tick-infested areas. If you are a service member, this is easier said than done. If your job causes you to enter tall grass or low shrubs, wear your uniform in the proper way.

A service member should blouse the BDU pants into boots and have the BDU sleeves rolled

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from an illness so mild that no effective for adults. Parents at a photo of flea and tick collar any wound with soap and water medical attention is sought, to a should check labels for appropriate milder formulations for chil-

Clothing should be treated with permethrin, sold as Permanone. Permethrin is the most effective clothing impregnant available. It is odorless, nonirritating, and resistant to washing and wear abrasion. Check yourself for ticks frequently and use the buddy system. Unless you are a dog or a cat reading this, do not use flea and tick collars. They contain different kinds of pesticides, some of which have adverse effects to mportant. Lack of treatment can adverse effect on of the disease ranges anywhere lent to exposed skin. DEET 33 humans. Stop by the Preventive percent formulas are the most Medicine Service office and look humans. Stop by the Preventive

misuse, it will change your mind about wearing them.

Remove ticks immediately with fine-tipped tweezers, grasping the tick as close to the point of attachment as possible and pulling slowly, teasing it off. Contrary to popular belief, they do not unscrew. Do not use heat from a cigarette, match, vaseline, nail polish remover or nail polish to remove the tick. This could cause the tick to expel its stomach contents into you like a syringe, possibly transmitting disease organ-

especially if the mouth parts remain. Wash hands with soap and water after handling ticks, since fluid from ticks may be infected. Save the tick in a jar or vial and call Preventive Medicine Service at 239-7516. The Environmental Health Technicians can identify what type of tick it is and enter the information into your medical record. Remember, not all species of ticks transmit disease. Identification of the tick may greatly facilitate the physician's diagnosis in cases of tickborne diseases.

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vhen a bump from Gunner Amasia Pousima went high into the afters and landed forcefully in he middle of the MP's side. They vere able to tie the score at 5-5 refore Gunner Saina, attempting ing, it's part of the game." o spike the ball, bounced it off he net back into his own court.

Pontius gained the serve, raisng the score to 10-6, in their avor, before MP Dan Lorenzon lived to the floor but failed to eturn a set over the net.

The Gunners made a slight the initial point. thange to their lineup, losing 13-1 at the time, when Jose Nevarez vas pulled off the bench to eplace Maverick Tuufuli. Never before had the Gunners been behind in this game, and this subtitution only seemed to indicate hat they were feeling some stress. Nevarez was next to serve for

he Gunners, who turned things round and brought the Gunners nto the lead at 17-13.

The MPs gained control of the pall, but lost it without scoring my points and Gunner Vulio Floez stepped up to the serve.

At this point some complaints lisputing many of the referees alls. The MPs were upset son.

The Gunners served again because of several calls that they had gone over the net, yet there was some dispute as to whether

Finally MP Pat Tetrick put a stop to the scoring spurt by perfectly timing a jump to block another spike, sending it back over the net. Unfortunately, the MPs did not hold on to the ball long enough to make more than

Gunner Saina served next, and brought the score to 24-16 before losing the ball. The MPs knew that if they were going to win the game it would have to be on their next server.

Lorenzon was up to serve, intent on his task despite the overwhelming odds. His first serve was good and scored them point 18, but the second went long and hit out of bounds.

One point was immediately given to the Gunners, who took the game and the championship.

We always win! We never lost a game!" said Saina, whose devvere heard from the MP bench, astating spikes had been a major point earner throughout the sea-

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# Fort Riley Community

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# **Thrift Shop**

# First stop for bargain hunters

Jason Shepherd

19th Public Affairs Detachment

Most people in the Fort Riley comnunity like to save money when they

Whether it's for that replacement couch or clothing for a growing baby, it's nice for hose looking for a cheap place to shop to ind one. And one where good serviceable ems can be found at reasonable prices. here happens to be such a place right ere, and hundreds of people have already iscovered the wonders of the Fort Riley

hrift Shop.
"(The Thrift Shop) gives me, the conumer, the opportunity to shop for very ow prices and it's a wonderful facility to isit," said Laura Gross. "I also come to he Thrift Shop because it's a great suporter for the installation.'

According to Thrift Shop chairperson, Amanda Bunce, the Thrift Shop, a nonrofit organization, benefits the communiy by putting profits right back into Fort

"During the past year, we've donated noney to Operation Santa Claus, the MCA, the Red Cross, the Combined icholarship Committee and Club Beyond," she said. "We've also given tuffed animals to nursing homes and lonated furniture to needy soldiers."

Besides stuffed animals and furniture, he Thrift Shop, sells many items that famlies need. Clothing, video games, novies, books, CD's and tapes, housevares and crafts, are just a few of the hunreds of items offered by the shop.

"My favorite part is the children's lothes," Gross said. "I have a couple of randchildren and I always find wonderful argains for them.'

These bargains get into the Thrift Shop wo different ways, donations and conignments.

Donations come from those looking to et rid of unwanted items. People looking o donate items can drop them off anytime uesday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to :30 p.m., or the first Saturday of each nonth 10 a.m. - 1p.m. There is also a lonation box located at the rear of the

Consignments are items that people vant to sell through the shop. The seller

will ask a price, and get 70 percent of the money when the item is sold. The Thrift Shop gets the rest, which it gives back to the community. Consignments are taken on Tuesdays, 10a.m. - 1 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
Even though the shop isn't open all

week, it still needs volunteers to help it

"We are looking for volunteers to help price and tag the items and help redecorate the shop," Bunce said. "We also need them to help the employees with the customers. The volunteers are really taken care of here. We reimburse for child care and do volunteer luncheons."

"I like to do volunteer work," said Clemencia Gauna, a volunteer worker at the Thrift Shop. "Especially because it's something I do for the community of Fort Riley, and you get great benefits. You get first choice of the items that come in, and it's a lot of fun working with the employees here.

The shop is always looking for more items. According to Bunce, furniture, electronics, new movies, books, summer

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Andrea Cockrell, manager of the Thrift Shop, (above) puts clothing out on the racks for sale. New merchandise arrives often for shoppers to look through. Kayin Crook, 4, (left) tries out several toys available for sale at the Fort Riley Thrift Shop. There is a large selection of toys, for all ages, to choose from.

# Volunteer of year still hard at work

By Jeremy Heckler

19th PAD

Volunteers help make the comnunity they live in better, by givng their time and energy to comnunity organizations. A few kind vords are the only recognition nany receive. One Fort Riley volinteer received more for her hard

Fort Riley recognized Lori Perry for all of her work by namng her the post volunteer of the 'ear at Riley's Conference Center n April 29.

The post honored Perry for her Mayor Montieth/O'Donnell Heights as vell as her volunteer work as a nember of the Army Family Action Plan, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 24th nfantry Division (Mechanized) amily Readiness Group, the Officer's and Civilian Spouses Club and as a volunteer Sunday chool teacher at Morris Hill

Before coming to Fort Riley lmost three years ago, Perry volinteered in the family readiness group for her husband's units. Perry said she first became nvolved as a volunteer because omeone asked her to.

'Someone came up to me and sked me to run for mayor," said 'erry. "Then another person saw ny name on the sign and said 'you ike to get involved' and asked if 'd help teach Sunday School and asked Barb (Barbara Toner) if

a recorder for the Army Family to each activity she tackles. Action Plan Seminar on post fell out, Perry filled in for the reporter and moved on to forge the Forces Command Army Family Action

As mayor, Perry helped plan a smile." spring and winter clean-up for her housing areas and involved sponas well as taught c to other mayors, said Young.

In addition to her work for the post, Perry opens her houses to families new to her husband's unit or to the neighborhood. "My husband and I make it our policy to invite new families over so they have someone to call and give them a nice transition to life here at Fort Riley," said Perry.

When Perry and her family first came to Fort Riley, neighbors pitched in to help her husband while she was in the hospital with their second child, she said.

When we first moved on post. I had complications with my daughter and I was sent to a hospital in Topeka, and neighbors I hadn't even met before pitched in to help my husband with the kids," said Perry.

Perry also said her family has been very supportive of her.

"My kids are very patient if Mommy has a meeting," she said, adding that her husband helps her by giving up time during the week and by coming in during the day to watch their children if her babysitter falls through and she needs to attend a meeting.

We do a lot together as a familv. so I'm not cheating them when

doesn't hesitate to do a job," said work of others.

Barbara Toner, who works with She said "I couldn't do what I Barbara Toner, who works with always volunteers to do more with what they do.'

Perry said her work isn't spe-"She's a very giving person and cial, but representative of the

Perry in Sunday school. "She do if other volunteers didn't do



# **Festivities continue** for military children

By Jason Shepherd

19th Public Affairs Detachment

Approximately 3,500 parents and kids rode ponies, watched a puppet show and played with clowns during this year's "Month of the Military Child" festival on Saturday at the Youth Center on

"This was great," said Pam Brown, a mother attending the festivities. "Not only was it fun, but it was very educational."

Youth Services puts on the festivities every year in order to celebrate the lives of the military child. This year, the center had 24 booths for the ceremony, some which included the Fort Riley Firefighters, Geary County Infant and Toddlers, Girl and Boy Scouts, Family Advocacy Program, AIDS prevention and the Teen Center. There were also many activities for the kids to experience, such as a petting zoo, puppet show, trampolines and a

"It went really, really well," said Jill O'Sullivan, Director of Youth Services. "We had a great turn out and so far, I've got a lot of positive comments. I think that the (Youth Center) classes we have will grow in attendance after seeing the martial arts and the

This is the 11th year Youth Services have put on this festival. The center puts the celebration on the last Saturday of every April and according to O'Sullivan, putting it on every year is a huge undertaking.

"We set this up way in advance," she said. "We have to start booking year round to get some of the bigger names. We also start decorating the gym two weeks before and set up the gym about a

The day started as the Junction City High School Junior ROTC raised the flag outside the Youth Center. After that, the fun moved indoors with JROTC students putting on a drill team presentation and a puppet show. Clowns roamed the crowd, performing tricks and handing out balloons. Many of the booths gave out candy and toys along with educational information, like what do to in case of a fire or how to take care of your teeth.

'There was so much for the kids to do," said Mary Smith, mother of Devin, 5. "The whole festival was packed with educational and fun things for the kids to participate in. I especially like -1-

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# Ware Society Fair teaches value of dollar

Jason Shepherd

19th PAD

Hannah Mitchell stood behind er counter, fielding questions rom a huge group of perspective uyers. Her shop had only been pen for a couple of minutes, and Il ready her product was selling ast. Her product was a huge hit, and she was happy that her and ier partner were going to make a ot of money.

But unfortunately, this isn't a hop on Rodeo Drive or in New Tork City, and the money made iere isn't going to pay her rent or nuy a car. Nine-year-old Hannah,



Zackaryah Hughes, 8, hageles over the price for his hocolate lace with a perpective buyer at the Ware Elementary School Society air on April 19.

who sold chocolate-chip cookies, is in Althea Brown's third grade at Ware Elementary School on Fort Riley, and her and the rest of her class had a society fair April 19 to help learn the importance of supply and demand, among many other things.

"This is a great exercise for the students," Brown said. "This teaches them profit, losses, counting money, living in a society and following rules.

During the hour-long society fair, Brown's class sold their products, ranging from key chains and charm bracelets, to cookies and cakes, to about 100 other third graders.

According to some of the students, they learned more than selling products at the society fair.

"I learned that it's crowded when you sell," said Zackaryah Hughes, an eight-year-old who sold chocolate-kiss necklaces. "I also learned that it's important that you have a good commercial."

The students started working toward the society fair the second day of school. This all comes from having their own society, or 'Golden City" as they call it.

"We have made our own flags and money (for "Golden City)," Everyone here has jobs and they had to make products. This all solve real life issues, like how to

deal with money and how to work

with others.' Students had to do research on what product the rest of the class would like to buy. They then took this data and made a graph and determined what product they would make for the fair. The students were also required to make commercials, advertising their products to the rest of the kids.

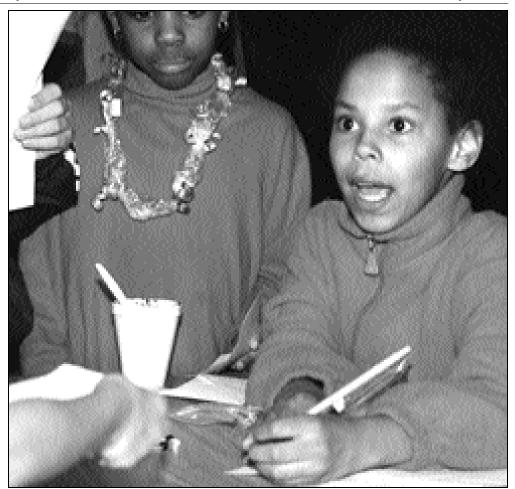
According to Brown, many different school subjects were tied into this fair.

"Students had to have math and research skills," Brown said. "They had to make a graph and use their problem-solving skills. And of course, they used social studies, not because we're reading about communities, but because we are a community."

According to Brown, the society fair almost didn't take place.

"We were afraid it would rain and the wind would blow the tents away," she said. "But a group of soldiers came out here and set up two tents for us." But luckily, the society fair did go off and everyone got to bring home a key chain or a piece of cake.

Hannah said she had fun selling her cookies to the rest of the third-grade class. Maybe selling Brown said. "We also have our her cookies now won't make her own newspaper and president. rich today, but with the skills learned during the society fair, she is on her way to owning her own helps our students to learn how to business on Rodeo Drive tomor-



Dominique Lengston, 9, takes down orders for her product during the Society Fair at Ware Elementary School. During the hour-long fair, Althea Brown's class sold their products, ranging from key chains and charm bracelets, to cookies and cakes. Approximately 100 other third graders attended the fair.

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Next year we will add a couple There was such a huge esponse, so we're hoping to make

O'Sullivan said this celebration of big tents outside to expand a is important because being a military youth can be hard.

"In today's times, especially after the events of Sept. 11," she said, "the kids have a rough life

because they never know when their parents are going to leave in the middle of the night (on a deployment.)

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slothes and baby items are just a a fair price said Bunce. ew of the things needed to keep he store going.

"If you name it, we pretty nuch take it, as long as it's in good working order," she said.

Not only will shopping at the ort Riley Thrift Shop help the community, it's a great way for oung families to start furnishing heir home and clothe children at

"Buying these items benefits the soldiers and their families,' she said. "Particularly the young enlisted soldier who is just starting out. Things here are priced

reasonably and helps them save

some money for their pockets.' To volunteer at the Thrift Store, call Amanda Bunce or Andrea Cockrell at 784-3874.

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